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PASS VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WHEN CONFIRMED

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND EXHIBIT

1. WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR CONFIRMATION AS VICE PRESIDENT. YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THIS VITAL POST IS THE VERY GOOD -NEWS OUR COUNTRY COULD HAVE AND WILL GREATLY STRENGTHEN OUR GOVERNMENT DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

2. STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO HEAD AMERICAN DELEGATION AT OPENING OF U.S. GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT HERE JANUARY 10. (I UNDERSTAND INVITATION HAS GONE OR IS GOING FORWARD TO YOU FROM JOHN WARNER, ADMINISTRATOR OF OUR BICENTENNIAL AGENCY).

3. THIS EXHIBIT ON LIVES OF FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON IS WORLD PREMIERE OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S MOST SUBSTANTIAL BICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION. DESIGNED AND BUILT BY CHARLES EAMES IT EXPECTED TO COMMAND MAJOR PUBLIC ATTENTION IN FRANCE AND INTERNATIONALLY. WILL IN EFFECT CONSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL LAUNCHING OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

4. ASIDE FROM ENORMOUS ADDITIONAL ATTENTION YOUR PRESENCE WILL FOCUS ON THIS EXHIBIT AT PRESTIGIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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GRAND PALAIS MUSEUM, THERE ARE SEVERAL EXCELLENT

REASONS FOR YOU TO COME TO THIS OPENING.

5. ALTHOUGH NON-POLITICAL RPT NON-POLITICAL OCCASION, VISIT WOULD CAPITALIZE ON AND REINFORCE PROGRESS AT MARTINIQUE MEETINGS.

6. ENTIRELY FITTING THAT YOUR FIRST OVERSEAS TRIP AS VICE PRESIDENT BE TO FRANCE, OUR OLDEST ALLY, AND BY IMPLICATION REAFFIRMING OUR TIES WITH ALL WESTERN EUROPE.

7. THIS OCCASION HAS NONETHELESS ADVANTAGE OF BEING PRIMARILY A CULTURAL MISSION TIED TO SPECIFIC ANNIVERSARY AND GROWING OUT OF HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP. THUS YOUR FIRST TRIP ABROAD AS VICE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT CARRY SAME POLITICAL OVERTONES AS FORMAL STATE VISIT WITH POSSIBLE QUESTIONS OF WHY ONE COUNTRY OR AREA WAS SELECTED FOR FIRST OVERSEAS TRIP INSTEAD OF ANOTHER.

8. STRONGLY HOPE YOU WILL SEE THE OPPORTUNITY IN SAME LIGHT. IF YOU CAN COME, MRS. RUSH AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER WILL BE OUR GUESTS AT THE RESIDENCE.
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